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S E C R E T JIDDA 1905

E.O. 11652: XGDS1

TAGS: MASS, SA

SUBJECT: MODA REQUEST FOR MINE LAYING AND DETECTING EQUIPMENT

SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM MINDEF SULTAN REQUESTING MODERN, ADVANCED MINE LAYING AND MINE DETECTING EQUIPMENT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MODA. END SUMMARY.

1. AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER FROM MINDEF SULTAN CLASSIFIED TOP SECRET, WITH ATTACHED LIST CLASSIFIED SECRET, QUOTE:

NUMBER: 1038. DATE: 29/2/95 A.H. (MARCH 12, 1975)

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADVANCED ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN JIDDA:

AFTER GREETINGS:

WE ARE PLEASED TO WRITE TO YOU IN CONNECTION WITH A REQUEST FOR ADVANCED ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT. WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN THIS EQUIPMENT FROM THE AMERICAN ARMY, BUT THE THINGS WHICH WERE SHOWN TO OUR REPRESENTATIVE FROM THIS OFFICE DURING HIS VISIT TO THE AMERICAN CORPS OF ENGINEERS WERE OLD EQUIPMENT AND UNSUITABLE FOR US.

(PARA) WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL USE YOUR GOOD OFFICES TO CONTACT THE OFFICIAL AUTHORITIES TO REQUEST THAT THEY OFFER US MODERN, ADVANCED TYPES OF THE EQUIPMENT LISTED ON THE ATTACHED LIST, AND INFORM US OF THE RESULTS.

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(PARA) PLEASE ACCEPT OUR GREETINGS. SULTAN BIN ABD AL-AZIZ,

MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND AVIATION.

ATTACHMENT TO LETTER NUMBER 1038

SUBJECT: RELEASE OF TACTICAL ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT
REQUESTED FOR THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS

1. EQUIPMENT FOR LAYING FIELDS OF ANTI-TANK AND ANTI-VEHICULAR MINES
 2. EQUIPMENT FOR HIGH-SPEED LAYING OF MECHANICAL MINES
 3. EQUIPMENT FOR LAYING MINES IN IRREGULAR PATTERNS
 4. ARMORED ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT OF VARIOUS KINDS SUCH AS MINE SWEEPERS AND OTHER TYPES
 5. EQUIPMENT FOR BOMB REMOVAL(FOR THE DEFUSING OF BOMBS)
- UNQUOTE.

2. REQUEST USMTM PROVIDE WASHINGTON WITH NECESSARY BACKGROUND ON THIS REQUEST. FROM GENERAL NATURE OF ATTACHED LIST IT IS APPARENT THAT CONSULTATION WITH MODA WILL BE REQUIRED TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHAT IT IS MODA HAS IN MIND. AMBASSADOR WILL REPLY TO SULTAN SAYING THAT REQUEST HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON AND THAT USMTM HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONSULT WITH MODA AUTHORITIES TO DETERMINE TYPES AND QUANTITIES OF EQUIPMENT DESIRED.

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